

sacrificed everything for the sake of these ideals. These ideals continue to be gifted to every American citizen. Their sacrifice gave us all these gifts so today we owe them our sincere gratitude for such.

Last, the color blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance, and justice. Vigilance is an enduring quality of our military men and women, and our veterans. Throughout the world, they have remained vigilant in their service of protecting the liberty and freedom of American citizens. Perseverance means one never gives up. How true of our service men and women. Despite the terrible conditions of war, they never gave up on the ideals for which they were fighting for. They fought to keep America free and safe for generations of American citizens. Without their vigilance and perseverance, America would not be the great country it is today. Each day, school children recite the words, "With liberty and justice for all," when they say the Pledge of Allegiance. What this means is that America upholds the ideals of pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness. Anything that threatens these ideals is perceived as a threat to justice. It's not us, the average citizen, who eliminates the threat, but our country's service men, women, and veterans who stand up and fight for justice for all.

So hold high the flag and its colors. Her story is one of freedom. Through the years, our military has rallied around her and fought and sacrificed so much. They have fought to keep us free. The flag unites us all under her majestic colors.

So, as we are gathered here today, take a look around you. The flowers that decorate the grave sites will one day wither and die. The engraving on the headstones will eventually fade. The sound of Taps will linger silently through these trees. But the one thing that will forever remain, year after year, is the American flag, waving valiantly over the graves of our fallen heroes. Thank you.

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 2011, 9:00 A.M., OHIO
VETERANS HOME

THE OHIO VETERANS HOME AND THE SANDUSKY
MEMORIAL DAY ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY—OHIO VETERANS
HOME

Mistress of Ceremonies: Linda L. Johnston,
OVH Volunteer Coordinator

Invocation: Rev. Paul Birmingham, OVH
Chaplain

Star Spangled Banner: Combined Bands
Presentation of Grand Marshals: Steve
Matune, OVH Deputy Superintendent
General Order #11: Matthew Burr, Civil
War Union Soldier re-enactor

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address: Jaz Bluhm,
Howard N. Kautz (WWII Paratrooper, 17th Air
Division) Family Scholarship Award Recipient

Placing of Tributes: Veterans Organiza-
tions

Armed Forces Medley: Combined Bands
Student Speaker: Ashley Szatala, St.
Mary's Central Catholic High School
America the Beautiful: Combined Bands
Benediction: Fr. Edward M. Czech, OVH
Catholic Chaplain

Salute to the Dead: OVH Rifle Squad, Com-
manded by Arthur Weisz

Taps: Christa Widman & Victoria Downey,
St. Mary's Central Catholic High School
Combined Bands under the direction of
Brian Panetta, St. Mary's Central Catholic
High School

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Ohio State Highway Patrol; Erie County
Sheriff; AMVETS Riders; OVH Police De-
partment; St. Mary's Central Catholic Band;
AMVETS Post 17 Color Guard; Grand Mar-
shal Eugene Fitzthum; Grand Marshal Paul
Metttert; Grand Marshal Fred Ferdindansen;

Grand Marshal Jack Ferdindansen; Grand
Marshal Ruth Singler; Grand Marshal Linda
Johnston; AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary; Sons
of AMVETS; OVH Road Soldiers Cycling
Club; OVH Senior King & Queen; Erie County
Veterans Service Office; Boy Scouts of
America; Local 744 Carpenters Union; Erie
County Relay for Life; Salvation Army;
United States Border Patrol; Marines For-
ever; Disabled American Veterans Chapter
16; Catholic War Veterans Post 1905; San-
dusky Transit System; United Indians of
Ohio; Don Likes 1955 Truck; St. Stephens
UCC & Kiddie College; Firelands Habitat for
Humanity; Kids Care Clubs of the Volunteer
Center; DAR Martha Pitkin Chapter; Erie
Metro Parks; Girl Scouts of NE Ohio; Erie
County Jr. Fair Royalty; Tom's Cruz Lim-
ousine Service; Erie Co. Firefighters Assn.;
Perkins Fire Dept.; Perkins Police Depart-
ment; Perkins High School Band; Veterans
of Foreign Wars; VFW Auxiliary; Dads of
VFW; VFW Youth Baseball League; Lake
Shore Corvettes; Knights of Columbus;
Firelands Patriots; Big Brothers-Big Sisters
of Erie-Seneca Counties; Double S Indus-
tries; YMCA Twirling Amp'd; Sandusky Fire
Dept.; Sandusky Police Department; San-
dusky High School Band; American Legion
Color Guard; American Legion Riders; King
Baer Productions 1929 truck; Elks Lodge 285;
in memory of Bernie Wilson 1978 F150;
Calvary Baptist Church Kidettes Baton
Corps; Friends of Pipe Creek Watershed; Vol-
unteers of America; Freedom Institute; John
Snoble 1957 Pontiac; Randy's Balloons;
Kandi-Land Stables.

Thousands of men and women have died so
you can attend this event as a free person in
a free land.

As our American Flag passes in review, or
is presented, our veterans ask you to please
honor those veterans who have given their
lives by showing respect for the flag in the
following manner:

Cover your heart with your right hand. If
you are wearing a hat or cap, with your right
hand, place it at your left shoulder with your
right hand covering your heart.

A Special Thank you to the Exchange Club
of Sandusky for their years of support and
dedication. Each year they distribute the
American Flags to parade viewers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to a family
emergency, I was unable to participate in the
following votes. If I had been present, I would
have voted as follows:

May 26, 2011

Rollcall vote 375, on passage—H.R. 1540,
to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012
for military activities of the Department of De-
fense and for military construction, to pre-
scribe military personnel strengths for fiscal
year 2012, and for other purposes—I would
have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 376, On Motion to Concur in
the Senate Amendment to the House Amend-
ment—S. 990, Small Business Additional
Temporary Extension Act of 2011—I would
have voted aye.

May 31, 2011

Rollcall vote 377, On Motion to Suspend the
Rules and Pass, as Amended—H.R. 1484,
Veterans Appeal Improvement Act—I would
have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 378, On Motion to Suspend the
Rules and Pass—S. 1082, Small Business Ad-
ditional Temporary Extension Act—I would
have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 379, On Motion to Suspend the
Rules and Pass—H.R. 1954, To Implement
the President's request to increase the statu-
tory limit on the public debt—I would have
voted nay.

June 1, 2011

Rollcall vote 380, On Consideration of the
Resolution—H. Res. 287, Providing for consid-
eration of H.R. 2017, making appropriations
for the Department of Homeland Security for
the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012,
and for other purposes—I would have voted
aye.

Rollcall vote 381, On Ordering the Previous
Question—H. Res. 287, Providing for consid-
eration of H.R. 2017, making appropriations
for the Department of Homeland Security for
the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012,
and for other purposes—I would have voted
aye.

Rollcall vote 382, On Agreeing to the Reso-
lution—H. Res. 287, Providing for consid-
eration of H.R. 2017, making appropriations
for the Department of Homeland Security for the
fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and
for other purposes—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 383, On Motion to Suspend the
Rules and Pass, as Amended—H.R. 802, To
direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to es-
tablish a VetStar Award Program—I would
have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 384, On Agreeing to the
LaTourette of Ohio Amendment—H.R. 2017,
Department of Homeland Security Appropria-
tions Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 385, On Agreeing to the
Cicilline of Rhode Island Amendment—H.R.
2017, Department of Homeland Security Ap-
propriations Act, 2012—I would have voted
nay.

Rollcall vote 386, On Agreeing to the Royce
of California Amendment—H.R. 2017, Depart-
ment of Homeland Security Appropriations
Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 387, On Agreeing to the Poe of
Texas Amendment No. 8—H.R. 2017, Depart-
ment of Homeland Security Appropriations
Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 388, On Agreeing to the
Cuellar of Texas Amendment—H.R. 2017, De-
partment of Homeland Security Appropriations
Act, 2012—I would have voted nay.

June 2, 2011

Rollcall vote 389, On Agreeing to the Clarke
of Michigan Amendment—H.R. 2017, Depart-
ment of Homeland Security Appropriations
Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 390, On Agreeing to the Ses-
sions of Texas Amendment—H.R. 2017, De-
partment of Homeland Security Appropriations
Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 391, On Agreeing to the
Lummis of Wyoming Amendment—H.R. 2017,
Department of Homeland Security Appropria-
tions Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 392, On Agreeing to the Carter
of Texas Amendment No. 1—H.R. 2017, De-
partment of Homeland Security Appropriations
Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 393, On Agreeing to the Price
of North Carolina Amendment—H.R. 2017,
Department of Homeland Security Appropria-
tions Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 394, On Agreeing to the Sher-
man of California Amendment—H.R. 2017,

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 395, On Agreeing to the Gosar of Arizona Amendment—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 396, On Agreeing to the Scalise of Louisiana Amendment—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 397, On Agreeing to the King of Iowa Amendment—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 398, On Agreeing to the Cravaack of Minnesota Amendment—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 399, On Agreeing to the Amash of Michigan Amendment No. 1—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 400, On Agreeing to the Amash of Michigan Amendment No. 2—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 401, On Agreeing to the Amash of Michigan Amendment No. 3—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 402, On Agreeing to the Rokita of Indiana Amendment No. 1—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 403, On Agreeing to the Rokita of Indiana Amendment No. 2—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 404, On Agreeing to the Cole of Oklahoma Amendment—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 405, On Agreeing to the Gohmert of Texas Amendment—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 406, On Agreeing to the Mica of Florida Amendment—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 407, On Agreeing to the Polis of Colorado Amendment—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted nay.

Rollcall vote 408, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted nay.

Rollcall vote 409, On Passage—H.R. 2017, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012—I would have voted aye.

June 3, 2011

Rollcall vote 410, On Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 294, Providing for consideration of H. Res. 292 declaring that the President shall not deploy, establish, or maintain the presence of U.S. Armed Forces in Libya, and for consideration of H. Con. Res. 51 directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the U.S. Armed Forces from Libya—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 411, On Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 292, Declaring that the Presi-

dent shall not deploy, establish, or maintain the presence of units and members of the United States Armed Forces on the ground in Libya, and for other purposes—I would have voted aye.

Rollcall vote 412, On Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Con. Res. 51, Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Libya—I would have voted nay.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent because of a family illness on May 26, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted on the following:

Rollcall No. 354—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Mica No. 38)—“no”

Rollcall No. 355—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Flake No. 40)—“no”

Rollcall No. 356—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Smith No. 42)—“aye”

Rollcall No. 357—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Buchanan No. 43)—“no”

Rollcall No. 358—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Maloney No. 47)—“no”

Rollcall No. 359—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Mack No. 48)—“no”

Rollcall No. 360—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Langevin No. 49)—“aye”

Rollcall No. 361—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Amash No. 50)—“aye”

Rollcall No. 362—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Campbell No. 53)—“no”

Rollcall No. 363—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Campbell No. 54)—“no”

Rollcall No. 364—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Chaffetz No. 56)—“no”

Rollcall No. 365—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Polis No. 60)—“no”

Rollcall No. 366—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Conyers No. 61)—“aye”

Rollcall No. 367—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Flake No. 62)—“aye”

Rollcall No. 368—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Ellison No. 63)—“aye”

Rollcall No. 369—On Agreeing to the Amendment (L. Sanchez No. 64)—“aye”

Rollcall No. 370—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Jackson Lee No. 111)—“aye”

Rollcall No. 371—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Turner No. 148)—“aye”

Rollcall No. 372—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Cravaack No. 152)—“no”

Rollcall No. 373—On Agreeing to the Amendment (McGovern No. 55)—“aye”

Rollcall No. 374—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions (H.R. 1540)—“aye”

Rollcall No. 375—On Passage (H.R. 1540)—“aye”

Rollcall No. 376—On Passage (S. 990)—“aye”

HONORING KATHY FLETCHER, AN ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER IN WASHINGTON STATE

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathy Fletcher for her lifelong dedication to bettering the environment within Washington State and across the Nation.

Kathy Fletcher is retiring after 20 years serving as the Executive Director of People for Puget Sound, a citizen's organization she founded in 1991 to preserve the Puget Sound and Northwest Straits. The organization has inspired countless individuals through its education and volunteer programs. It also has successfully lobbied to strengthen environmental safeguards throughout the Puget Sound. Kathy has had a distinguished career spanning over 30 years of environmental activism, beginning with a position on President Carter's White House Domestic Policy Staff handling environmental and natural resource issues. A fifth-generation Washingtonian, she moved to Seattle to become the first chair of the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority and has since sat on the board of many local and national environmental organizations. Through her efforts, Kathy has helped protect Washington State's coastlines from disintegration and degradation and has made environmental activism more accessible to all.

Kathy, thank you for your environmental leadership and for your tireless efforts to improve Washington State for the benefit of all.

REGARDING DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN LIBYA

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH J. HECK

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. HECK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 292.

On March 19, 2011, in response to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973, the Obama administration, in cooperation with our NATO allies, commenced Operation Odyssey Dawn to enforce a no-fly zone in Libyan airspace.

In accordance with the War Powers Resolution, the administration must seek congressional authorization for this operation within 60 days.

Madam Speaker, that 60 days has come and gone, and we are now on our 77th day of conducting military operations in Libya. Yet the President has still not sought congressional authorization.

Without congressional authorization, the War Powers Resolution dictates that the President must withdraw our forces within 90 days.

As that 90th day rapidly approaches, this legislation puts the administration on notice that it has 14 days to provide a compelling rationale for our involvement in Libya, or Congress will exercise its constitutional prerogative to withhold funds for this operation.